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Applicant: K. H. Kodama, et al  
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of June 26, 2003 (Paper No. 18). A Two-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, this Response is being filed on or before the current due date of November 26, 2003. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.